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STEWART-HUNTER: ARMY COMMUNITY OF EXCELLENCE



Sharon T. Bass

Installation earns award for fourth year

General Peter W. Chiarelli, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, presents Col. Todd Buchs, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander, the 2009 Army Communities of Excellence Program Award for the installation earning the "Gold" Award at the Pentagon, May 5. Accepting the award with Col. Buchs are Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin; Plans, Analysis and Integration Chief Janet Blanks; and Lt. Gen. Robert Wilson, Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management and commanding general, Installation Management Command. Besides bragging rights, the award came with a \$1 million check that Col. Buchs said will be used to improve Quality of Life for Soldiers and Families.

MILITARY PAYS TRIBUTE TO ITS SPOUSES

Spouses are the unsung heroes of the military, keeping households and lives together while their servicemember is deployed. On Friday, the military celebrates their contribution to our nation's defense.

See more on pages 9A, 10A

Stewart-Hunter flu update

Dr. (Maj.) Shannon Ellis
Chief of Preventive Medicine
Winn Army Community Hospital

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield continue to prepare and "lean forward" in our preparation for possible influenza cases here in our community. Also, our medical team at Winn Army Community Hospital and Tuttle Army Health Clinic are committed to ensure you stay up-to-date on the latest information regarding influenza.

There remains no confirmed or suspected cases identified in any of our medical treatment facilities or areas surrounding Stewart or Hunter.

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Iraqi general visits 3HBCT

Spc. Ben Hutto
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORT BENNING, Ga. – The Iraqi Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Training visited Fort Benning to observe American troops training for future deployments, April 24.

Staff Lieutenant General Hussain Jasim Dohi visited the Selby Hill Combined Arms Collective Training Center and watched as Soldiers assigned to the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, practiced techniques designed to

defeat insurgent tactics used in an urban setting.

The general complimented Col. Pete Jones, 3rd HBCT commander, on the intensity and realism of his troop's training. He said he was impressed that the brigade employed actual Iraqi role-players to ensure that its Soldiers were accustomed to Iraqi culture and speech.

"The harder you work here, the easier it will be when you go to Iraq," he said. "This is good."

Colonel Jones was happy that Staff Lt. Gen. Dohi made time during his tour of the U.S. to visit Fort Benning.

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Stewart celebrates the law

Spc. Michael Adams
3rd Infantry Division Public Affairs

Soldiers take an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, but do they understand what the Constitution is and how the laws of the United States affect us?

The 3rd Infantry Division celebrated Law Day with a series of events to recognize the American legal code at Fort Stewart, April 28-May 1.

Law Day was founded in 1958 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower for Americans to appreciate what the Constitution means and how the laws and our justice create the democracy and rights we have.

"(This) is a special day for Americans to celebrate and think about the unique laws, freedoms and

protections that we have," said Capt. Jason Nef, the 3rd ID administrative law attorney who oversaw the Law Day celebration. "There are many other countries where the rule of law doesn't exist. In the United States, it's a day for us to celebrate the freedoms and protections we have because of the rule of law."

The Staff Judge Advocate's Office kicked off law day taking part in the base obstacle course.

Colonel John Guden, staff judge advocate for 3rd ID and Fort Stewart, appreciated Soldiers taking part in the challenge.

"We are looking for opportunities for our office to bond," he said. "The (SJA) doesn't get a chance to do things like this often, so we take every opportunity we can to do something together."

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Pfc. Gregory Gieske

Spartans host WWII vets

Veterans from the World War II Anzio Beachhead met with Soldiers from the 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team during a tour of Fort Stewart in celebration of the veterans' 30th annual reunion, April 28. See stories on pages 3A, 9A, and 12A.

Happy Mother's Day
Read about local moms on page 10A

BOSS WALK FOR PRIDE RAISES SPIRITS, FUNDS

Pfc. Jared S. Eastman
1st HBCT Public Affairs

Morale, Welfare and Recreation brought Soldiers out of their barracks with a Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Walk for Pride event at Donovan Field on Fort Stewart and at The Squire's Sports Complex on Hunter Army Airfield, May 2.

Families and command groups walked with the Soldiers to raise money for the BOSS program and all that it stands for.

"I think it's been a very successful BOSS walk, and the participation has been outstanding," said Lt. Col. Stanley Fugate, deputy commander of the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team. "The BOSS program is a great program. If you didn't have it, the single Soldiers would get left out of activities, so the (1st HBCT) chain of command will always support BOSS."

Even Soldiers who didn't walk had a great time at the event.

"Today, we are having a walk for BOSS," said Pfc. Joseph Cantymagli, a Soldier in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st HBCT, and the grillmaster for the event. "It's a good cause; we're raising some money here for BOSS functions, and we're just trying to have a good time. I think it's a great program, and they really care about the Soldiers."

The event started with a donation period, then a walk as people continued to bring up donations to the MWR travel trailer. Marline Parker, MWR, recreation delivery system programmer, was pleased with the turnout.

"I think it's going great for the first time running it," said Parker.



Pfc. Jared S. Eastman

Marline Parker, MWR recreation delivery system programmer, accepts a donation from Rocky at Donovan Field, May 2 during the BOSS Walk for Pride event.

"Donations are still coming in, and everyone seems to be having a good time. Most of my job is programming new events."

Parker said her team and BOSS worked together to make for a successful fundraiser, the funds

“I’ve never seen this much esprit de corps in one place.”

Lt. Col. Stanley Fugate
Deputy Commander, 1st HBCT

of which will allow BOSS to offer more leisure and recreation for the single Soldiers.

Although it was the first time the event has been held, single Soldiers have volunteered for countless events in garrison.

"This pride walk was designed to show everyone that single Soldiers are part of the Army Family and they are very important to us," Parker said. "Single Soldiers volunteer so much for community (and) MWR events like Christmas tree lighting and Fallfest. Any time we need single Soldiers to come and help out, they respond. This was our way to say thank you."

At Fort Stewart, Soldiers and Family Members raised around \$7,050 throughout the day for BOSS programs and events.

"All the proceeds today go to the BOSS program," Parker said happily. "It will allow BOSS to provide Soldiers with more activities like a small trip, speed dating and other activities on a monthly basis."

At Hunter, the BOSS program collected more than \$700 from the event. One of the participants included

Francesca Roschewski who was 9 months pregnant and in active labor.

"It's important to help out single Soldiers just as much as married Soldiers," Roschewski said. "I am out here to support the BOSS program."

Her husband, Spc. Brandon Roschewski, 24th Ordnance Company, 87th Corps Support Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, was enthusiastic about the BOSS event.

He said giving single Soldiers something to do with their free time is very important for community building. The Soldiers and Family Members who have contributed to BOSS with their time and money, he added, will reap the benefits by enjoying a stronger community.

Staff Sergeant Krishna Gillis, BOSS vice president, had much to say about the BOSS program.

"We go out in the community, and we try to get our name out there," said Staff Sgt. Gillis. "We give out flyers, and we hold meetings every month at Fort Stewart's Rocky's. We are trying to get more established here at Hunter, so we don't have a set location for the single Soldiers here to meet up. They can come and talk to me at



Pfc. Jared S. Eastman

Private First Class Joseph Cantymagli, HHC, 1HBCT grill master, flips a hot dog at the BOSS Walk for Pride event at Donovan Field, May 2.

garrison headquarters; I have an office there, and that's where I do all my BOSS program work in conjunction with Fort Stewart."

The BOSS program also has many programs for the future.

"It's a very good program; we do lots of positive things," Staff Sgt. Gillis added. She said the program gets Soldiers out of the barracks for a variety of events.

"We have a cruise coming up, and with the money that we raise here, we can discount the price of the cruise for the Soldiers who want to go on it," she continued. "It's a real positive way to do lots of fun activities at discounted

prices and build camaraderie with the other single Soldiers."

Although the BOSS program is made up of both single and married Soldiers, Staff Sgt. Gillis is quick to stress the importance of the single Soldier.

"BOSS can only work if single Soldiers are involved. It totally revolves around them and what they want to do. We don't come up with the ideas, they come up with the ideas, and so BOSS is run by the single Soldier."

Kaytrina Curtis, Hunter Army Airfield, also contributed to this article.



Kaytrina Curtis

ABOVE: Single and married Soldiers, Family Members, and Civilians came out in support of the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Walk for Pride at the Squires Sports Complex at Hunter Army Airfield, May 2.



Pfc. Jared S. Eastman

Soldiers hold guidons high at the BOSS Walk for Pride event, May 2 at Donovan Field. More than 600 Soldiers and Family Members attended the Stewart-Hunter event.



Pfc. Jared S. Eastman

Soldiers of G Co., 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery Regiment, ruck march during the BOSS Walk for Pride event, May 2 at Donovan Field.

BACKGROUND: Guidons and the American Flag lead the way at the BOSS Walk for Pride event, May 2 at Fort Stewart's Donovan Field.



ANZIO VETS REUNITE AT STEWART



Photos by Pfc. Gregory Gieske

Aiming a .50-caliber machine gun down range and reminiscing about the old days, Jim Luzzi fires off a few of rounds as Spc. Craig Leib, 1/64 Armor, 2nd HBCT, observes the impacts at Fort Stewart's Red Cloud Alpha firing range, April 28.



Second Lieutenant John Parsons, 1/64 Armor, 2nd HBCT, shows Anzio Beachhead veteran Joe Salonia some advances in sight technology and the accuracy of the modern scope.

RIGHT: At Fort Stewart's firing range Red Cloud Alpha, Jim Luzzi describes his experiences during World War II as he holds up a photo of the Anzio Beachhead Veterans memorial that he helped build, April 28.



Soldiers from 2nd HBCT perform a pass and review to honor World War II Veterans from the battle at Anzio for their service and sacrifice at Fort Stewart's Cottrell Field, April 28.



George Dexter meets Soldiers from 2nd HBCT during a reunion of World War II veterans from the battle at Anzio Beachhead at Fort Stewart's Red Cloud firing range, April 28.

2nd HBCT hosts WWII Vets at Fort Stewart

Spc. Dustin Gautney
2nd HBCT Public Affairs

More than 80 veterans, spouses and children from the World War II Anzio Beachhead landing traded stories and wisdom with Soldiers from the 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team during a tour of Fort Stewart in celebration of the veteran's 30th annual reunion, Apr. 28.

The coastal town of Anzio, Italy, was once known as the birthplace of Roman emperors Caligula and Nero; however, in 1944, Anzio would become known as the location of one of World War II's longest and bloodiest battles. By the battle's end, Allied casualties exceeded 60,000.

For the surviving veterans of that battle, their annual reunion allows them to pay homage to their fallen brethren as well as offer guidance and knowledge to the Soldiers of today.

"Us old-timers like to get together every year and trade old war stories, as well as help promote veteran issues to old vets like us as well as the new generation of vets," said James

Luzzi, a veteran of the Battle of Anzio.

Today, Luzzi volunteers his time producing television programs focused on veterans' issues and continues to honor the fallen veterans of Anzio in his home town of Staten Island, N.Y. by building a monument commemorating the sacrifice of all who served in the Battle of Anzio.

During the visit to Fort Stewart, Luzzi, as well as others, were welcomed to try out some of the current weaponry available to Soldiers of today.

"I used a 30-caliber machine gun on Anzio, so I was pretty at home behind the 50-caliber...," said Luzzi, "...Although it is pretty staggering to see how much more advanced the weaponry of today is."

Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 2nd HBCT performed a battle demonstration focusing on the firepower of current U.S. weaponry such as the Bradley Fighting Vehicle and the M1A1 Tank and traded war stories of their own with the veterans.

"It's definitely a humbling experience meeting with the veterans," said 1st Sgt.

Jabari Williams, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1/64 Armor. "But it's also amazing to see how much of the battle skills they still retain, and to see those veterans still be able to put some steel on the target."

Private First Class Cody Trembley, D Co., 1/64 Armor, agrees.

"One day, I'll be a veteran, so it is awesome to get a chance to show off our new weapons as well as trade stories of how it was for them back in World War II and what we see today in warfare," said Pfc. Trembley.

During the visit to Fort Stewart the Anzio veterans were treated to a pass and review ceremony by the battalions of the 2nd HBCT.

"Sixty-five years ago, on a narrow strip of beach in the Mediterranean Sea, few stood against many," said Col. Charles E. A. Sexton, 2nd HBCT commander, who served as the reviewing officer for the ceremony.

"These veterans paid in sweat, tears, blood, and sadly their lives. They did not do it for awards; they did it so the Soldiers, like the ones in formation, can benefit from the fruits of the veterans labor.

Barracks Life: Specialist Spoiled falls in love

Spc. Monica K. Smith
CAB Public Affairs

I'm in love. His name is Bugatti. Bugatti Veyron Bleu Centenaire. He is beautiful and for those who don't know, Bugatti is a very fast, very beautiful and very expensive, car.

I, however, drive a Kia Sportage – low payments and great gas mileage. She's my baby. Her name is Dallas. It's tough being a specialist with tastes on a colonel's pay grade. Still, every day Soldiers make the most of their vehicle's aesthetics – adding paint, rims, speakers, lights, grills, computers, bubbles, fireworks, you

name it – they have it.

My financially-conscious mind wondered why anyone would spend money on painting swirly pin-stripes on the side of an Impala when they could buy something more financially sound, like a \$800 Alexander McQueen purse (kidding... sort of).

So I went to a car meet for my vehicular education. I learned though some cars look boring, under their hoods they are beasts capable of outrunning a helicopter any day (on a designated race-



track of course, definitely not down Highway 95 – Safety First!).

I also saw something unexpected: Soldiers complimenting other vehicles. The competitive nature in me says my work is "always" better; however, I learned that in building and working on vehicles, though it does create a bit of competition, it also serves to bring Soldiers together outside of the

Army to appreciate quality work. These Soldiers are serious about their vehicles and each drop of paint and each custom rim shows the love of their work and of their vehicle.

Though I still think spending exuberant amounts of money on chrome windshield wipers is a bit excessive, I can understand the desire to improve property, especially if the act of doing so not only ends in tangible results but also generates opportunities to meet others.

I take a glance at my sweet little Dallas. Maybe some pink detailing wouldn't be so bad. But I know I won't. I gotta save my money for Mr. Bugatti.

Safe Boating Tip of the Week: Drugs and boats don't mix

Directorate of Emergency Services

With the warmer weather approaching, sportsmen and recreational enthusiasts will take advantage of the rivers, creeks and ponds that Fort Stewart and South Georgia have to offer. With the increase in activity, the probability of accidents rises. The United States will celebrate National Safe Boating Week, May 16-22, to shed light on simple safety measures that can prevent a vast majority of these accidents.

Georgia law states that no person 21 years of age or older shall operate any motorboat, vessel or personal water craft, or manipulate any water skis, surfboards or similar devices while under the influence of an impairing

substance, nor operate any motor vessel after consuming alcohol sufficient to cause a blood alcohol concentration of 0.10 or greater.

No person under the age of 21 shall operate, attempt to operate or have physical control of a vessel on Georgia waters when the person's blood alcohol concentration is 0.02 or more.

Boating under the influence is a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment for up to one year and loss of the privilege to operate a boat or PWC. Your privilege to operate will not be restored until completion of an alcohol or drug program approved by the Georgia Department of Human Resources.

Child endangerment charges may

also apply if you operate a boat or PWC while under the influence when a child under the age of 14 is on aboard.

The privilege of operating in Georgia waterways carries with it your implied consent to be tested for alcohol or drugs if you are suspected to be operating under the influence. Any law enforcement officer may order this test. Refusal to be tested will result in the automatic loss of your privilege to operate a boat or PWC for up to one year.

The Directorate of Emergency Services – Conservation Law Enforcement Branch will conduct boat safety inspections at the Pass and Permit Office, building 8093, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 16-17. All sports-

men are encouraged to bring in their vessels and boating equipment for general guidance. This is a great opportunity to have a Game Warden answer questions and verify that your vessel is in accordance with the law.

The National Safe Boating Campaign, the United States Coast Guard and the National Association of Boating Law Administrators sponsor National Safe Boating Week. For more information on National Safe Boating Week or boating safety in Georgia, visit the Georgia Wildlife Resources Division Web site at www.gobootgeorgia.com; contact the local WRD Law Enforcement Office or the Conservation Law Enforcement Branch on Fort Stewart at (912) 435-8013.

UPDATE

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Our medical staff remain vigilant to look for persons with a fever of 100.5 degrees farenheit or greater, with a cough and/or a sore throat. If you or anyone you know have these symptoms, advise them to see their medical providers as soon as possible. Patients should request a

mask at the front desk upon their arrival to help prevent spreading their illness to others.

The single most important public health message I have to offer is that if you have a sneeze or cough, use Cough Etiquette – cover your mouth and wash your hands often. These are

the two most important actions you can do to help prevent the spread of influenza.

I encourage you to visit www.winn.amedd.army.mil and click on the "H1N1 Flu Outbreak" tab for all the links to the official public health web sites for the latest information.

AAFES/RMA/ROMA Presents
OPERATION BIKE ID
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. • May 16, 2009

The Retail Management Academy and Restaurant Operations Management Academy is sponsoring Operation Bike ID, an event where Soldiers and Family Members can learn about, ride, and even win a bicycle behind the Garden Center parking lot at the PX on Fort Stewart, May 16.

A free drawing will be held at 2 p.m. for two 16-inch bicycles, and other events will be open all day such as a bicycle obstacle course and a chance to meet McGruff the Crime Dog.

Food vendors will be set up and there will be extra activities for kids.

For more information, call Tila Williams at (912)876-9585

DON'T FORGET YOUR BIKE!!

3rd Infantry Division Equal Opportunity Office Presents

Asian Pacific American Heritage Observance

Club Stewart • Monday, May 11
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m

Themes: *Leadership to Meet the Challenges of a Changing World* and *The Year of the NCO 2009*

Featuring: Dr. Franklin S. Odo, Director of the Asian Pacific American Program Smithsonian Institution

Hosted by 2nd Brigade Combat Team
POC: Sgt. 1st Class Shields 767-1218

CORRECTION TO THE FRONTLINE: In the April 29 edition of *The Frontline* on page 9A, an article about the NCO of the Year, misidentified 1st Sgt. Terrence Clay, HHC, USAG, as 1st Terrence Hill.

Marne Voices Speak Out

What do you appreciate most about being a military spouse?

“The way the economy is, it's good to have the security.”

Emma Wise

“I have four kids, and it's hard to get medical benefits like this outside of the Army.”

Tonya Herring

“You get to see a lot of things and move around a lot.”

Jennifer Maschino

“The different people we meet. People we come in contact with that we wouldn't have, had we not been in the military.”

Tiffany Doran

“I get to see more of my husband; I get to see more of him than when he was a civilian.”

Lynn Kisor

“Being proud of my husband, and him defending our country.”

Marika Moses

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Excellence brings quality of life improvements

Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews
3rd ID Command Sergeant Major

Major General Tony Cucolo and I would like to thank and congratulate the Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield team for earning the distinction of being the best installation in the world.

Once again, our installation has won first place in the 2009 Army Community of Excellence award competition and the Department of Defense Commander in Chief's Award for Installation Excellence. These honorable titles affect the entire installation. The prize money from both awards will equal \$1 million and will be spent to build up our field areas, so we can maintain our superiority in training and improve our quality of life.

A special thanks goes to the garrison

team for their aggressiveness and relentless pursuit in bringing top-of-the-line amenities and commodities to this post. The sight of construction around post is a testament that continuous upgrades are being made to bring comfort, fun and beauty to our community.

Our division and garrison leaders have been very innovative in deciding what upgrades, services and businesses to bring to our home here. This year, the construction of new child development centers will be complete on both Stewart and Hunter. Also, brand new barracks are being built with completion scheduled for 2010. When everyone works as a team, the results are



amazing.

This is a beautiful place, and the aesthetics played a role in earning the title as the top installation throughout the Department of Defense.

When guests drive through our gates, they see a community that provides a palatable life for its residents and those who work here with restaurants, chapels and sources of entertainment.

I'm sure most of you know, but it's worth repeating that Stewart and Hunter won the ACOE in 2004, 2005 and 2006. Following the 2006 win, the installation was instructed to sit out for two years. Now in 2009 we've set the example again;

however, we must not rest on our laurels. Although we've been asked to sit out of the 2010 competition, we need to sustain the same benchmarks we have set in previous years.

We must continue to strive for greatness, and that means individuals must stay disciplined even after duty hours. We have to uphold the standards at our motorpools and our battalion headquarters, as well as our living quarters.

There's an image of serenity, beauty and organization when visitors enter our post. That scenery needs to be sustained if they drive through our housing areas or the parking lots of the Commissary and post exchange. This is our home for now, but it's only temporary. We have to take care of it for our Families, coworkers, peers and those who will replace us.

Year of the Noncommissioned Officer: For the love of the Army

Kaytrina Curtis
Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

Sergeant Timothy Russell of 10th Transportation Company, 260th Quartermaster Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, and battalion master driver training instructor, provides a shining example of a focused noncommissioned officer; his dedication assures all that the Secretary of the Army made no mistake in declaring 2009 the "Year of the NCO." His unshakable ambition stems from a deep-seated love and enjoyment for his work in the Armed Forces.

"I fell in love with the Army because of the camaraderie, discipline, just the overall work-up of the Army itself," he said. "I love leading other troops and defending our country."

Command Sergeant Major Dwight Williams, 260th QM, said Sgt. Russell cares about Soldiers and strives to develop himself as a leader.

"As a corporal, he took on a position slotted for a staff sergeant as an instructor for the

battalion's driver training program, and he did well. He has a great future ahead of him."

Sergeant Russell recognizes the responsibilities that his job entails: taking accountability for the Soldiers he trains and helping them exceed standards of physical fitness and readiness.

Sergeant Russell expressed appreciation for the attention given to NCOs.

"We are very grateful that the 'higher-ups' can understand the daily work that we put in as NCOs, stressing the fact that we are the backbone of the Army," he said.

Despite his love of the Army, Sgt. Russell's passion for the military was not a lifelong dream.

"Growing up, I never pictured myself in the military," he said. "I always wanted to be a federal law enforcement officer. I always wanted to be a crime fighter; now I am fighting crime on a different level — fighting terrorists."

Since the birth of his three-month-old daughter, Kamilah,

Sgt. Russell made the military a Family affair, and feels that his maturity has been taken "to another level."

During down time, Sgt. Russell said he likes to play basketball and video games. He also enjoys the brotherhood of his fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha. But most of all, he enjoys spending quality time with his wife, Spc. Kamesha Russell, 90th Human Resources Company, Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, their daughter, and his Family in Norfolk, Va.

Sergeant Russell held the rank of corporal until he was promoted to sergeant in January. He said he feels that the job has shown him what it means to be a leader of Soldiers, and he takes his job seriously and wears his rank with pride.

On a day-to-day basis, Sgt. Russell trains a class of 10-20 Soldiers, some who are new to the Army, others who are seasoned Soldiers who need to be re-licensed on a particular vehicle.



Photo by Kaytrina Curtis

Sergeant Timothy Russell, 10th Trans. Co., 260th QM, instructs Spc. John Williams and Spc. Gavin Ivy, 24th Ordnance Co., 87th CSSB, 3rd Sustainment Bde., on how to perform preventative, maintenance checks and services on their vehicle during driver training class held on Hunter Army Airfield.

Trainees learn how to perform preventative maintenance checks and services on the vehicles. Then the class moves onto the serpentine obstacle course and later out onto the open roads on the installation. On the last day of instruction, Sgt. Russell and his team test the trainees and license them on

the vehicle for which they trained.

Regarding further advancement, Sgt. Russell plans to use the NCO skills he has now.

"The sky is the limit. My career goals are to utilize the outstanding leadership skills and technical knowledge that I have obtained as an NCO."

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Briefs

Weekend dining facility hours posted

The Fort Stewart weekend dining facility for May 9 - 10 is the Vanguard Dining Facility, building 512 and the Provider Dining Facility, building 726. Fort Stewart dining facility weekend serving hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for brunch, and 3:30-5:30 p.m. for supper.

The Hunter Army Airfield weekend dining facility for May 9-10 is the Combat Aviation Brigade Dining Facility, building 1213. Hunter Army Airfield dining facility weekend serving hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for brunch, and 3:30-5:00 p.m. for supper.

The Warrior Transition Battalion Dining Facility, building 12902/02 (in the National Guard training area) is open on weekends. The WTB serving hours are breakfast, 8-9:30 a.m.; lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and dinner, 5-6:30 p.m.

Command Weather Briefings scheduled

Fort Stewart Hurricane/Severe Weather Awareness Briefings for Soldiers, Family Members, Family Readiness Groups and Department of the Army Civilians will be held, 6-8 p.m., today and May 19 at Moon Theater, building 704.

Hunter Army Airfield's briefing will be 6 to 8 p.m., May 14 at The Hunter Club, building 6015. DFMWR/CYS will

provide free child care starting at 5:30 p.m. at building 1284, first come first serve.

Please call the Fort Stewart CDC at 767-3202, or the Hunter CDC, building 1284, at 315-6115 for information on free child care.

For more information about the briefings or to schedule a separate briefing for your FRG, unit or directorate, call Tony Fleeger at 767-2583 for Fort Stewart or Leandre Anderson at 315-6904 for Hunter Army Airfield.

Stewart East 7th Street permanently closed

East 7th St. between French Rd. and Niles Ave. is permanently closed due to the construction of the new Soldier Family Assistance Center. Detour signs and traffic control devices will be displayed for the duration of the construction.

Motorists are encouraged to avoid this area to minimize traffic congestion and to be alert to changes in traffic patterns around this area. For more information, contact Terry Wheeler, Army Corps of Engineers, at 228-7451.

Shoppette undergoes construction

The Victory Shoppette is being renovated through June 30. The gas pumps are closed, and the store will be closed

May 15 through June 25. For more information, call 876-8434.

BOSS Showdown III talent show slated

The BOSS Showdown III will be held from 7-9 p.m., June 13 at Rocky's. Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome to show off their individual talent at the Festival of Arts Competition. To register to compete, call the BOSS office at 767-9917.

Road under construction

West 18th St. is scheduled to be closed, 4:30 p.m. May 12 through 5 a.m. on May 15. Detour signs and traffic control devices will be displayed for closure duration. Call Terry Wheeler, Army Corps of Engineers, at 228-7451 for more information.

Hunter HSC holds Southern Hat Luncheon

Hunter Spouses Club will hold a luncheon, 11 a.m. at the Hunter Club, May 12. Lunch is \$11 and includes a selection of pasta, chicken, assorted sandwiches, and deserts. Childcare is limited, so please register early.

RSVP by Friday to rsvp@hunterspousesclub.org, 756-3179, or at www.hunterspousesclub.org.

Exhibit to honor our fallen

Bob Mathews
FMWR Marketing Publicity Specialist

A workshop to teach participants how to create figurative sculpture for display in "Remembrance: A Memorial" exhibit honoring fallen service members from Iraq and Afghanistan wars, is scheduled for May 19, 4-6 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Fort Stewart Youth Center.

The exhibit, presented by the Savannah District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, consists of more than 4,700 abstract figurative sculptures, each one hand sewn, representing one American life lost in Iraq or Afghanistan.

The exhibit is a collective, collaborative, and artistic response to loss that honors fallen servicemen and women, as well as those who continue to serve.

"This is the first time the exhibit will travel to the

Southeast, and the first time we will be adding figures from a remote place," Bowers said. "The figures, created by the Fort Stewart Family Members during the workshops, will be added to this living and growing exhibit," she added.

The Stewart workshop is open to all ages. Children seven-years-old and younger need a parent or guardian to assist with the creation.

Community Through Art from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 30 at Club Stewart. For additional information about the workshop or presentation, contact Marline Parker at (912) 767-4316.

The exhibit can be seen at the Coastal Georgia Center, 305 Fahm St. in Savannah, Monday-Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., May 22 to June 30. For more information about the exhibit, contact Mindy Anderson at (912) 652-5450, or go to www.remembrance-memorial.org.

Balfour Beatty Communities

Best yard to be awarded

Balfour Beatty will select a winning yard each month to receive a \$25 gift check. This month's winners will be selected May 12, Judging will take place between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. in all BBC housing areas.

See movie under the stars

Come enjoy "The Tale of Despereaux," rated "G," outdoors on our giant inflatable movie screen at Stewart from 7:30-9 p.m., Friday at the Liberty Woods Leasing Office, and at Hunter from 7:30-9 p.m., May 29 at the Balfour Beatty Leasing Office.

Bring your own chairs or blankets to sit on, and we'll provide the popcorn.

Neighborhood Huddle

Join us for punch and cookies

while we discuss any issues or concerns you may have at this month's Neighborhood Huddle at Fort Stewart from 3-3:30 p.m., May 13 at the playground across from Brittin Elementary, and at Hunter from 4-4:30 p.m., May 19 at the Balfour Beatty Leasing Office.

Your feedback is important to us, please take time to fill out our annual housing survey.

'Slip & Slide' into Summer

BBC will be hosting "Slip and Slide into Summer" at Stewart from 4-5 p.m., May 21 at the Liberty Woods Leasing Office, and at Hunter from 4:30-6 p.m., May 15 at the BBC Leasing Office. Don't forget to wear your bathing suit!

Children must be accompanied by an adult in order to participate.

STEWART Mini-Spa for moms

Mothers, take a break in your day and celebrate being a mom by doing something for yourself. Stop by our mini-spa for a quick massage and foot soak from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday at The Southern Oaks Community Center, provided by The Spa at Fort Stewart.

Dollar giveaway slated

Come into the Liberty Woods Leasing Office anytime from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., May 26-29, and receive \$1 for filling out a survey and register for our weekly drawing for prizes.

For more information about upcoming events, please contact LifeWorks Coordinator, Amber Humphries at 912-408-2478 or ahumphries@bbcgrp.com.

Education Matters



Graduation ceremony scheduled

Have you completed your college degree within the last year? Did you recently earn a post-secondary certificate or degree from a technical school? Are you getting close to completing your requirements? If so, you are invited to participate in the Stewart-Hunter “All College Commencement.” College graduates are invited to participate in the Stewart-Hunter “All College Commencement,” which has been changed to Friday, June 26. It will be held at the Main Post Chapel, Fort Stewart, building 500 at 7 p.m. The graduation brochure will list all graduates, or soon to be graduates (within 6 credit hours of completing requirements). To have your name listed, we must hear from you! We request that any military, Family Members, retirees, and civilian/contract employees attending on-post schools (Cental Texas College, Columbia College, Embry Riddle, Savannah Tech and Webster University), contact their college right away. For those attending off-post schools, please complete the electronic “Candidate for Graduation” form at www.stewart.army.mil, under the Services ~~~> Education link. Your submission will also allow us to list who will actually walk down the aisle in front of their Family and friends! Forms are also available at the Sgt. 1st. Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center. Once the form is received, the graduate will be sent a memo with additional information and instructions. For more information, contact Sheraill Fresher, 767-8331.

Next college terms announced

The upcoming summer term dates for both on-post and distance learning classes are listed below. Many courses are offered during the day. Please contact the col-

lege directly for course schedules and enrollment information.

- Central Texas College – Stewart, 767-2070/ Hunter, 315-4090 May 25-July18.
- Columbia College – Stewart, 767-5336/ Hunter, 352-8635, June 1-July 25.
- Embry Riddle – Stewart, 767-3930/ Hunter, 352-5252, June 1-August 2.
- Savannah Tech – 408-2430, July 8-September 24.
- Webster University – Stewart, 767-5357/ Hunter, 354-0033, May 25-July 23.

Free Certification for Soldiers available

The pilot Army Vocational/Technical Soldier Program will fund up to \$4,500 for Soldiers to enroll in non-college degree courses that teach skills tailored for jobs in today's most in-demand career fields and take certification and licensure exams related to those professions. Soldiers serving on active duty, including National Guard and Reserve Soldiers on extended active duty, may acquire technical, vocational, or advanced training and re-training. Interested Soldiers must enroll in courses prior to separating from the Army.

Several hundred courses are offered for both in-class and online programs but must be selected from the schools listed at https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/education/VOTEC_Program.html and cannot exceed 18 months. New schools and programs are added weekly. In addition, Soldiers can use the AVOTEC Program to pay for Certification/Licensure. Click on the Army Credentialing Opportunities Online website, <https://www.cool.army.mil>, to determine the kind of certification and licensing options available to Soldiers.

Registration for this exciting program is available until Sept. 30, or until the \$19 million allocated funds are exhausted. Those interested in participating will find all information and enrollment steps at the website above. Soldiers must have an active account in GoArmyEd to enroll in AVOTEC. Contact your local Army Education Center for access to the GoArmyEd Portal. The AVOTEC Program may be utilized in conjunction with traditional TA, but the combined cost of both programs cannot exceed \$4,500.

Ashford University representative to visit

A representative from Ashford University will meet with current or prospective students from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., May 6 at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center. For more information, contact Mr. Vandiver at 404-797-7229.

SFAC offers education assistance

The Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith and Hunter Army Airfield Education Centers are supporting our Warriors in Transition by offering accelerated daytime college courses. The classes are being conducted by Central Texas College. To enroll, Warriors must have an account on the GoArmyEd portal. Soldiers attached to Fort Stewart's Warrior Transition Unit can now receive educational and college program advice from their new guidance counselor, Janeen Rosenberg. She is located in the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, at 777 E. 10th St., or can be reached at 767-3328. Warriors at Hunter may see Fay Ward, education center counselor, at building 1290, 767-8331.

Volunteer Spotlight

Name: Leah Miller
Activity/Unit Volunteering for: Army Community Service Outreach
Spouse's Unit: 3/7 Inf., 4 IBCT
Hometown: Rossford, Ohio
Volunteer Title: ACS Outreach Assistant

Why do you volunteer? I volunteer, because I feel it's important to

contribute to my Family's community. I thoroughly enjoy serving with and helping the new Families and Soldiers who are arriving daily to Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield. It's very exciting to meet and help them. I also love the team I am able to serve with here at the Soldier Service Center and ACS.They are wonderful!

What do you like most about vol-

unteering? I enjoy volunteering because I am able to make new and lasting friendships, and it is rewarding serving with the completely new military spouses and Soldiers, answering their questions and helping them navigate the military lifestyle. We've all been the new kid on the block, so it's fun to be on the other side of things and help someone who is new to the post.



Ft. Stewart/Hunter Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Military Spouse Day @ Corkan Recreation

9 May, 11:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. – Cypress Creek Adventure (Mini) Golf, Bldg 448
Celebrate Military Spouse Day with special price for the backbone of the Army, the Military Spouse.
Cost \$1 per game/person. 767-6708

Mother’s Day Sunday Brunch @ FS & HAAF

10 May, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. – Club Stewart, Bldg 405 & Hunter Club, Bldg 6015
Menu features breakfast items, ham carving station; roast beef, grilled chicken w/green onion supreme sauce, roasted pork loin w/pecan sauce, loaded mashed potatoes, spring rice blend, fresh green beans almondine, chuck wagon corn, salad bar, peach crepes, chocolate fountain. Cost \$14.95 per person, children (ages 5-10) half price and (ages 4 & under) free. 368-2212 (FS) or 459-7923 (HAAF).

Civilian Employee Fitness Program @ FS & HAAF

11 May-6 Aug, 3-4 p.m.

Newman Fitness Ctr, Bldg 439 (FS) & Tominac Fitness Ctr, Bldg 919 (HAAF)
Program designed to provide comprehensive “self-paced” fitness program (Mon, Wed, Thu) for Civilian employees encompassing health, well-being, and physical fitness. Open to DoD Civilians only.
Enroll by going to “<http://www.stewartmwr.com/sports/civfit.htm>”.
For information, call 767-3031 (FS) or 315-2019 (HAAF).

Town Hall Meeting @ FS & HAAF

13 May, 5:30 p.m. – Club Stewart, Bldg 405 & Hunter Club, Bldg 6015
ACS coordination. Military community has opportunity to address concerns or make suggestions to the panel about quality of life issues. You are invited to attend meeting, watch Live on Marne TV, or call in questions @ 767-ROCK or 315-ROCK. Door prizes awarded.
For more information, call 767-1257 (FS) or 315-6816 (HAAF).

CYSS/SLO Monthly Information Series @ HAAF

13 May, 6-7 p.m. – School Age Services Center, Bldg 1289
Monthly information series. May's Topic: how to advocate for your children in school (school transitioning/learning about school quest and other MCEC resources). Register thru CYSS registration office Friday before each class @ 315-5425. For details, call School Liaison Office @ 315-6586.

GC Golf Scramble Sign-Up @ HAAF

13 May Sign-up Deadline; Scramble 15 May, 8 a.m. Shotgun Start
Hunter Golf Club, Bldg 8205

Garrison Commander invites all to participate in golf scramble. \$35 entry fee (DoD ID cardholders and Golf Club members) and \$40 civilian guest. Fee includes tournament fee, golf car, driving range balls, and tournament prizes. Mulligan's sold separately. First (25) foursomes accepted. 315-9115

Largest Pan Fish Event Sign-Up @ FS & HAAF

14 May Sign-up Deadline; Event 15-31 May – Stewart/Hunter Fishing Areas
To compete in Pass & Permit fishing event, you must have a valid FS/HAAF fishing permit.
Fish must be caught on FS or HAAF only and turned in for measuring and weighing on same day, unfrozen to FS Pass & Permit Office, Bldg 8093. Prizes awarded. Cost \$5 per person.
For details, call 435-8033 (FS) or 315-5163 (HAAF).

Armed Forces Day @ Corkan Recreation

16 May, 11:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. – Corkan Family Recreation Area, Bldg 449
Corkan staff, recognizing sacrifices our Armed Forces make, rewards Veterans past and present with one free admission/game to a Corkan facility. 767-6708

50s Style Skate Hop @ Corkan Recreation

16 May, 7-11 p.m. – Corkan Family Fun Center, Bldg 449
It's the first 50s Style Skate Hop, an event Fonzie wouldn't want to miss, and you shouldn't either!
Dress the part in a 50s costume and enjoy skating to music from the 50s.
Cost \$5 per person includes skate rental. 767-9884

Garrison Town Hall to be held Wednesday, May 13

The next combined Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Town Hall meeting will be 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, at Club Stewart and the Hunter Club. Community members are invited to e-mail questions and concerns to Donna.I.Finney@conus.army.mil or call in questions at 767-7625 during the meeting. Previous Town Hall questions and answers are listed below.

Q: Can we get a Big Brother/Big Sister program?

Child and Youth & School Service Update: There is an active Big Brother/Big Sister Program that supports the greater Savannah area, which includes the Stewart-Hunter youth. Contact information is john@bbbs-costalempire.org or 912-233-7670. In addition, the CYSS program of Stewart-Hunter has partnerships with the Boy & Girls Club of America and the local 4-H chapter of the University of Georgia Extension. Both of these organizations include youth involvement with adults in the local community. We also have an active Adopt a School program where the units "adopt" schools.

Q: Why is the schedule for Woodruff Theater not posted online?

A: Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Directorate Update: The Web site is now available on the MWR homepage as well as the AAFES Web site, www.stewartmwr.com or www.aafes.com.

Q: Can we get a flyer in the welcome packets with contact information for the Boy Scouts?

A: FMWR Update: Linda McKnight, Relocation Program Manager, has obtained the information regarding Boy and Girl Scouts and the information is now online and being put into the welcome packets.

Q: Can we get the theater running at Hunter?

A: AAFES Update: AAFES will begin providing two movies per month to Hunter. The movies will be approximately 45 days beyond release date. DFWR will make arrangements to have these shown for free at the Hunter Club. Advertising with dates, times and movie titles will be distributed in the near future.

Q: Participants from Hunter stated the post has grown a lot in the past three to four years and a larger commissary, PX and full service gas station are needed.

A: AAFES Update: A new gas station will open in June.

Q: Is Hunter going to get a new beauty shop?

AAFES Update: AAFES is working with Regis Salons who have shown an interest in opening a business in the Hunter Mall. As of this date we do not have a finalized contract; we are waiting for Regis to give us a final yes or no answer.

Q: Can we have restaurants on Hunter that stay open later than 1800?

A: Ms. Lovitt answered that AAFES monitors hourly sales at Hunter food facilities on a continuous basis and current usage does not meet the requirement for extended hours.

Q: There has been an increase in Soldiers fresh out of high school living in the barracks and having to fend for them-

selves. Non-unit related activities would result in them having fewer problems with alcohol and DUIs.

A: FMWR Update: FMWR offers a variety of activities and resources to Soldiers. Our adult sports program runs intramural sports programs. Outdoor Recreation offers hunting, fishing, skeet shooting, pistol range, paintball (starting in May), planned trips (Atlanta Braves, Disney, etc.) and offers rental equipment (canoes, kayaks, campers, boats) for Soldiers and Families. FMWR is currently looking into converting Rocky's into a Warrior Zone (recreation center) which will offer Wi-Fi, pool tables, X-Box, Wii, movie theatre and snacks for Soldiers, particularly single Soldiers. Programs offered will be gaming tournaments, card tournaments, movie nights, comedy shows, talent shows, open mic, etc. Some of these features are already in Rocky's, others will be added in May. In June, Rocky's will offer Texas Hold'em tournaments, as well as Latino nights. Please watch for updates in the monthly FMWR calendar, Frontline and fliers through the units.

Q: We need more civilian jobs for spouses. There are not enough available positions for cooks.

A: CPAC Update: All appropriated fund job vacancy announcements are posted on-line at USAJOBS and cpol.army.mil. Applicants must create a resume in RESUMIX and self nominate for any position they wish to apply for. There have been several cooks hired this year. These are temporary appointments and the need is based on mission. Many of them were re-hired because they had already served temporary appointments here as cooks. Non-appropriated funds currently has one cook vacancy at Marne Lanes and is currently accepting applications for this position. All NAF vacancies are posted on www.cpol.army.mil. Click on "EMPLOYMENT", then search for jobs. To narrow the search to just NAF jobs at Stewart-Hunter, type in SCNAFDW% (case sensitive) in "SEARCH ANNOUNCEMENTS" (very bottom of the page). For APF jobs at Stewart-Hunter only, type in SCDW%.

Q: Is there an adopting parent/foster parent support program at FS?

A: ACS/FMWR Update: ACS does not currently have an Adopting Parent/Foster Parent Support Group. We will try to locate a suitable support group in the local area. If one is not available or if enough people express an interest, ACS will establish one.

Q: Why can't 10 year olds go to the Youth Center? They have an ID card but cannot be at YC by themselves.

A: CYSS Update: The YC is open on Saturday's from noon to 2 p.m. to serve younger children. A parent or adult must be with the child on site.

Q: What can be done about trash in the housing areas? It is mostly coming from paper delivery to unoccupied quarters.

A: BBC Update: BBC Landscape Technicians will continue to pick up newspapers that are still in the driveways weekly. This will also account for any vacant units. We ask residents to please pick up their own individual paper.

Q: How do I get rid of an old trashcan?

A: BBC Update: Residents that need the service can request it through the work order desk at (912) 408-2466.

Q: A resident with two daughters who attend School Age Services stated the need for better parking. The only two places to park are by the trees, which is a long way to walk, or up front, which is dangerous for picking up children.

A: CYSS Update: This was an AFAP issue and a work order to DPW was submitted on Jan. 12 to access current parking lot and provide options for future parking lot. Work order has been approved and currently up for design.

Q: At Austin/Hero Roads, when there is traffic lined up to drop off children, parents are illegally passing to drop off children and leave. Can we catch violators?

A: DES Update: Fort Stewart Police post traffic controllers at key intersections in the mornings and afternoons to maintain a safe environment for kids parents, and other installation traffic. We are looking for this type of dangerous behavior and will continue to advise drivers on proper drop-off and pick-up procedures.

Q: Why do we have to pay to have our carpet cleaned when moving out, if it is just going to be ripped up anyway?

A: BBC Update: Residents will not have to pay for carpet cleaning if carpet is going to be replaced due to no fault of the current resident. This is determined at the final move out inspection. Keep in mind however, that a carpet may appear to be clean and odor free after just being cleaned at the final move out. If during the turnover process it is determined that the carpet has become unsuitable, it will be replaced.

Q: A resident living in New Savannah said multi-purpose courts need lights to be on timers instead of on/off switches. Lights are being left on, attracting vandalism, etc.

A: DPW Update: There has been a new timer installed.

Q: Can lights be put on the basketball courts next to Kessler Elementary?

A: DPW Update: The DPW has opened an Individual Job Order, order #BB524Y9J, for this project and it is currently being designed.

Q: Can we have more bike riding signs? Cars do not always see kids on bikes.

A: DES Update: he DES has established a multi-disciplinary Process Action Team to look at installation traffic-ability and signage, which will be a critical factor to any future modifications. Bike riders are reminded that the safest way to cross any street is by getting off your bicycle and using designated crosswalks. The first meeting of the PAT was held on March 26. Traffic surveys and studies need to be completed and the future planning of infrastructure must be considered in the recommendations. The next official DPW traffic survey will occur in fiscal year 2010. Additionally, deployment cycles, training, and mobilizations must be included in the recommendations.

Q: What can be done about speeding and tailgating on post?

A: DES Update: Each Fort Stewart highway patrol drives 700-1,000 miles every 24 hours (365-days per year) actively seeking drivers violating Georgia traffic code (speeding, following too closely, etc.), with violators receiving citations. Additionally, the Chief of Police addresses safe driving expectations with leaders during recurring Commander/1st Sergeant courses. Most importantly, you should always maintain awareness of other drivers and drive defensively. Motorists are encouraged to safely report dangerous driving to Law Enforcement:

OFF-POST: Contact the Georgia State Patrol anytime, day or night, by dialing *477. This free call connects you with the nearest GSP post to your location.

ON-POST: Contact either the Fort Stewart Police Department at 767-4895 or the Hunter Police Department at 315-6133 anytime, day or night.

Q: The road near the Waste Water Treatment Plant, Hero Rd., has many exposed roots in the bike path. It needs to be restored since it is the path to the Youth Center.

A: DPW Update: Due to extensive damage along the path, DPW has completed a design to replace the entire sidewalk. The project will either be funded at the end of the fiscal year or at the beginning of fiscal year 2010.

Q: Can we get guardrails along Hwy. 144 where there are steep embankments?

A: DPW Update: The Georgia Department of Transportation and IAW American Association of State Highway Transportation investigated the need for guardrails on 144E and determined that guardrails are not warranted.

Q: Why is it long distance to call Fort Stewart from Hunter?

A: DOIM Update: Georgia Public Service Commission sets the guidelines for toll calling. The Savannah Metropolitan Area has been designated as an area that will not incur toll charges when calls are placed within the general area. The Fort Stewart and Hinesville areas do not fall into this category.

Q: If we received a stimulus package last year, how will that affect our taxes this year?

A: Lieutenant Colonel Stacy Flippin, Fort Stewart Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, replied that she could not be sure exactly how it will affect individual taxpayers, but you need to have the amount of your stimulus package with you when you have your taxes done.

Q: A Hunter resident asked about parking on the streets in housing. Have signs been put up and are violators being ticketed?

A: Kewyn Williams, deputy garrison commander at Hunter, replied that "no parking" signs have been installed and DES is ticketing violators. BBC added that violators are being notified by them to remove their vehicles before being ticketed.

Military Spouse Day recognizes sacrifices at home

Army Community Service

For more than 234 years, spouses have supported their Soldiers on the field and on the home front.

In the 19th century, the Army protect-ed settlers moving west. Army spouses braved the journey and life on the fron-tier with their Soldiers. When relocating, they rode ox or horse-drawn carts and wagons and sometimes even walked. They confronted harsh climate, disease, and attack while coping with military life.

While times have changed, today's Army spouses still confront many chal-lenges. Today, Army spouses confront

multiple deployments, relocations and separation while gracefully coping with military life.

On Friday, the Army will pay tribute to military spouses, acknowledging their sacrifices and support to Soldiers and the Army. The support and dedication of military spouses is essential not only to the Soldier's Family but to the Army. This tribute also provides the Army an oppor-tunity to reassure Soldiers and Families that the Army recognizes the sacrifices of military spouses, is committed to provid-ing them a Quality of Life commensurate with their sacrifice, and will continue to provide Families a strong, supportive environment where they can thrive.

Twenty-five years ago, President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation officially recognizing Military Spouse Day. The commemoration is held the Friday before Mother's Day every year to show appreciation for the sacrifices of military spouses. Army spouses routinely put the welfare of their Soldier, Family and nation above their own. After almost a decade at war and multiple deploy-ments, our active-duty, Reserve and National Guard spouses continue to unconditionally support America's Army.

In 2007, the Army, through the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, instituted the Army Family Covenant

and the Army Community Covenant to recognize the commitment and increas-ing sacrifices Army Families make every day and to acknowledge that the strength of our Soldiers comes from the strength of their Families. Our Army spouses are community leaders, careerists, mothers, fathers and Soldiers.

The Army is committed to improving Family readiness through funding of pro-grams, better health care, housing, schools, youth services, child care, edu-cation and employment opportunities, and we will continue to build upon and improve the tenets of the Army Family Covenant. We salute Army spouses, our silent heroes.

From one Military Spouse to Another

Of the small percentage of Americans who choose to live our lives, you, the military spouse, are to be honored and recognized on this day. The life you live stands for commitment, dedication and selfless service, allowing your Soldier to do his or her duty. It is never easy, and had you not chosen to accept this relationship, thousands of Soldiers would not be able to do their jobs.


With repeated deployments, multiple relocations and constant separations, you remain resilient and strong. I am frequently humbled by all you do and your ability to carry on. You stand there and say goodbye when they leave for deployments, holding a child in one arm and another by the hand. You balance your checkbooks, repair the plumbing, change the oil in your car, and volunteer to make things happen. You are male and female, often serving in your own right in the Guard or Reserves, or in a dual military marriage. You welcome home other spouses and Soldiers and stand there waving the flag and cheering them on as you stand there alone. You stay in touch with Family and friends, and you keep your loved one in the forefront of their minds and your children's. You are exceptional.

Your children and your Family strive because of the differences you make for others and the pride you carry for our nation and the Army.




Thank you for choosing this life and being supportive. I am honored to be a spouse with you.

Ginger Cucolo
Wife of the 3rd ID Commanding General

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A Tribute to Military Spouses



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WWII Veterans' wives share experiences with active-duty spouses

Pfc. Crystal M. Bradley
2nd HBCT Public Affairs

A man and his wife sit on the train in the nation's capitol, Washington, D.C., riding and enjoying the view. The wife notices that one man on the train is continuously glancing their way, staring at her husband.

She tries to ignore it, but she finds herself wondering, "Does this man know my husband from somewhere?"

The train stops, and the watchful man stands to exit.

Suddenly, the man turns and graciously greets the sitting woman and man, gestures at the sitting man's World War II Veteran hat, and warmly thanks him for his service in World War II.

Jean Dexter, wife of George B. Dexter, said that moments like these are not rare for her and her husband; people thank him for his service all the time, but this particular occasion was special – the appreciative man happened to be a Holocaust survivor.

Dexter's stories and many like it, awed listeners, April 28 during a "sip and chat" organized by Melody Sexton, wife of 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team Commander, Col. Charles E. A. Sexton, for all the wives that accompanied their husbands to Fort Stewart for the Anzio Beachhead Veterans' Reunion.

While the veterans visited

Red Cloud A Range, Sexton arranged for the ladies to meet at her house over refreshments to share their feelings about this special annual reunion the men have and to share some of their own unique stories and thoughts, gained by spending a lifetime with their husbands.

"I think it's great that every year, the men get together, visiting different posts around the country," said Mary Rudin, wife of Fred Rudin, a World War II veteran who attended the reunion. "It adds to the vitality of what they did for the nation and gives them an opportunity to rethink the experiences they had while in battle."

One of the wives, Vivian Jamian, came to the reunion to show her support to veterans and Families though her husband has passed on.

"My husband and I usually came to this event every year," Jamian said. "Though he's gone, I still felt the need to come and show my support. My husband talked about moments he experienced while in battle in Anzio, Italy, all the time. I was able to see some of the places he talked about when I personally visited Anzio back during its 50th anniversary."

Though many people appreciate the Soldiers' bravery and service, according to Dexter, they do not actually realize what these veterans

went through.

"My husband often speaks of how cold it was there, remembering all the ice and snow and being there on Christmas Day," said Dexter. "He told me about once when he and a buddy had to crawl through the enemy lines to place a sound device when his buddy was blown up by a land mine right beside him."

She added that because of shared experiences similar to her husbands, the men have plenty to talk about when they see each other.

"When they get together, it's as if no time at all has passed," Dexter said.

Representatives from the American Red Cross attended the "sip and chat," educating the veterans' wives on their organization's continued input into Soldiers' war efforts with an informative display and conversation.

"I thought it would be important to let the ladies know what is still being done for our military, that so many organizations, especially the Red Cross, are supporting these Soldiers all over the world, no matter where they travel," said Mariatta O'Brien, assistant station manager for American Red Cross on post.

The hostess of the event said that she admired the veterans and their wives a great deal, because the feats they accomplished back then, with much less technology and less equipment than we

have today, are remarkable.

"Today, Soldiers and their wives and Families have so many support systems," Sexton said. "Back then, they didn't have Family Readiness Group working hard to keep

Soldiers and their loved ones informed. Though it is still hard for us today, we have to stop and just show some appreciation to them because they are definitely examples of selfless service."



Pfc. Crystal M. Bradley

Staff Sergeant Lorie Jansen, Company A, 2-3 Brigade Troops Battalion, 2nd HBCT, listens to the stories being told by wives of World War II veterans at a "sip and chat" hosted by Mrs. Melody Sexton, wife of 2nd HBCT commander, at her home during the Anzio Beachhead Veterans Reunion, Apr. 28.

Mother's Day to make up for lost time

Staff Sgt. Tanya Polk
4th IBCT Public Affairs

Thousands of Soldiers with the 3rd Infantry Division joined the U.S. Armed Forces' serving in Iraq and Afghanistan last year. Many of these Marne Soldiers made Iraq and Afghanistan their home-away-from-home for up to 15 months and sacrificed multiple holidays and quality time with their loved ones for the wellbeing of others.

A deployment to Forward Operating Base Kalsu, Iraq, was a first for Spc. Candy Muna, who departed for war just one month after she arrived to her first duty station, Fort Stewart. She said heading off to the unknown was easier for her to combat, however, than the thought of missing Mother's Day – a day she's never spent away from her daughter in more than 15 years.

"Last year's Mother's Day was pretty depressing," said Spc. Muna. "I've always been with my daughter – every Mother's Day. I took it really hard, being away from her."

While deployed, Spc. Muna worked as a unit supply clerk with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd ID, loading containers, inventorying items and ensuring units had the supplies they needed to stay strong in the fight. Specialist Muna said her job to support fellow troops helped to keep her strong in her own fight against missing her child.

"We worked long hours - 12-hour shifts, seven days a week," Spc. Muna

said. "I stayed busy at work. On the days when we had a few hours of free time, I'd give (my daughter) a call, or I'd send her an e-mail."

Specialist Muna said the opportunity to make phone calls or send e-mails was limited, but the Marne Soldier kept in touch with her 16-year-old daughter, Ha'ane, as often as possible.

"That was all that we had, and you really couldn't ask for much more," Spc. Muna said. "Sometimes you just have to roll with what you've got."

Mother's Day came a week late last year due to the delayed postal service, but Ha'ane's surprise helped carry Spc. Muna through the rest of the deployment.

"My daughter sent me a greeting card," Spc. Muna said. "And, when I opened the card, she had recorded a voice message just for me. It said, 'Just wanted to let you know that you're the most wonderful mom; I hope you had a wonderful Mother's Day even though you are in Iraq.'"

Specialist Muna said she listened to that voice message every time she was unable to communicate with her daughter. She said hearing her Ha'ane's voice made her days away from home much easier.

"It wasn't flowers," joked Spc. Muna, "but, it was really sweet."

Flowers were Spc. Muna's typical Mother's Day gift. She said she remembered waking up to a bouquet of flowers at her bedside that Ha'ane left for her the night before.

"Sometimes she'd warm up my car



Staff Sgt. Tanya Polk

Specialist Candy Muna, unit supply specialist with HHC, 4th IBCT, redeployed from Iraq in December 2008 and said she looks forward to spending this year's Mother's Day with her 16-year-old daughter, Ha'ane.

before I went to work in the morning and leave flowers for me in the car," Spc. Muna said. "I normally don't plan anything (for Mother's Day), she would always surprise me."

The days of deployment wound down, and eventually Spc. Muna was reunited with her daughter. She said the reunion was indescribable, and both she and her daughter couldn't wait to make up for lost time. Finally, Spc. Muna could spend the quality time with Ha'ane she had long awaited.

Specialist Muna said that she chose to

join the Army during a time of war for the benefits it would provide Ha'ane. She knows that another year-long deployment is likely in her future but said she will cherish spending holidays like Mother's Day with her daughter when she can to make memories strong enough to last a lifetime.

"She's probably got something big planned for me this (Mother's Day)," Spc. Muna said with a smile. "I don't know what it is, but she told me, 'Mom, just be here.' She's always got a surprise for me; I just can't wait to see what it is."

Spouses test their Soldier skills, earn spurs

Spc. Amanda McBride
4th IBCT Public Affairs

More than 20 spouses and one mother of a Soldier assigned to the 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team took part in the squadron's first Spouse Spur Ride at Fort Stewart, April 30.

The Spouse Spur Ride is a variation of the Cavalry Spur Ride, which is designed to test Soldiers' physical and mental endurance in a series of tasks. Additionally, the event allows spouses to bond with one another and gives them an opportunity to experience a day in

the life of their Soldier.

"It is important for spouses to see what their Soldiers do because (Family Members) are part of the team," said Lt. Col. Robert Reynolds, 6/8 Cav. Commander. "It's a team effort, and even though they don't wear a uniform, (spouses) play a very important role in supporting Soldiers."

With many dressed in support of their Soldier, the Spouse Spur Ride started like any typical Army day as the 6/8 Cav. Family Members formed up for physical training.

After breaking a sweat, participants then learned the value of teamwork and had to complete a series of physically and mentally challenging tasks such as a timed obstacle course, evacuating "casualties" to safety, and low crawling through the mud.

Furthermore, the spouses received hands-on preliminary marksmanship instruction at the Engagement Skills Trainer 2000. The EST provides initial and sustainment marksmanship training in a simulation room.

"(The EST) allows the wives to see some of the weapons we use, and how we use them," Lt. Col. Reynolds said.

Various other events were held throughout the day, to include a Meal, Ready-to-Eat cook-off and a simulated grenade toss course.

Though the event was designed for spouses, a special consideration was made for one Soldier and his mother. Lisa Kiorstein, mother of Spc. Anthony Gonzales, said it was important to take part in the Spur Ride because it illustrated just how hard her son works on a day-to-day basis.

"The training is not as easy as I thought it was going to be," Kiorstein said. "I really felt like I was part of the Army for a minute."

After completing the Spouse Spur Ride, participants were awarded certificates of achievement and, of course, spurs.

Amy Williams, spouse of 1st Sergeant Christopher Williams, Troop B, said she was proud of her hard-earned spurs and said the Spur Ride helped unite spouses within the squadron.

"(The Spur Ride) was just a lot of fun," Williams said. "We will all know each other's names at the next event instead of introducing ourselves a thousand different times."

With the success of the event, the squadron plans on conducting another Spouse Spur Ride in the future.

"We will have a lot of new Families coming in this summer and fall," Lt. Col. Reynolds said. "We will do it again so that the new Troopers and their wives have an opportunity to do this."



Photos by Spc. Amanda McBride

Lisa Kiorstein, mother of Spc. Anthony Gonzales, assigned to Troop B, 6/8 Cav., 4th IBCT, scales a log wall during the Spouse Spur Ride at Fort Stewart, April 30.

RIGHT: Spouses from 6/8 Cav., 4th IBCT, test their upper body strength during the squadron's first Spouse Spur Ride, April 30.



188th Soldier gives back to moms

Staff Sergeant Vernida M. Boler, from the 188th Infantry Brigade, First Army, donated gift bags full of cards and presents to the mothers at the Woodlands Nursing Home in Midway, Ga., in celebration of the upcoming Mother's Day, May 2.

Capt. Charles Patterson

New WTU commander likes leadership roles

Randy Murray
Public Affairs Specialist

Working with wounded Soldiers, ensuring that they're given all the tools they need to heal physically, mentally and emotionally is not something Lt. Col. James Kanicki had experienced in his 24-year Army career, but he takes his new assignment in stride as commander of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield's Warriors in Transition Battalion.

"There's been a huge learning curve," admits Lt. Col. Kanicki, who assumed command from Lt. Col. Tyra White in February. "But leading Soldiers is leading

Soldiers."

Although his branch specialty is aviation, he emphasized the role of a leader is to lead, and that what's he's been doing his entire career and what's he doing now. He had high praises for what has been done already in establishing Stewart-Hunter's WTB and said his goal as commander is simply to make the battalion even better. Since taking command, Lt. Col. Kanicki said the final company of WTU Soldiers has been moved to the interim battalion headquarters, company and medical administrative buildings, a shoppette and dining facility in what used to be the National Guard training area. Stewart-Hunter's WTB can meet the

needs of 600 wounded warriors though only 326 are currently assigned, he said.

"All resources that (wounded) Warriors need is here," he added, noting the Soldiers and their Families have both the facilities and the trained staff they need to recover from their wounds or injuries and return to duty or back to the civilian community.

Groundbreaking for the WTB's new Soldier and Family Assistance Center began, April 24. Located across from Winn Army Community Hospital, the SFAC is one of the most important services available to WTB Soldiers and their Families. Lt. Col. Kanicki said the SFAC provides his Soldiers and their Family Members with a

myriad of services, including legal, financial, education, chaplain and personnel assistance. Although funding has not yet been approved, he said the long-range plan is for all new WTB facilities located next to the new SFAC, which is scheduled to be completed in March 2010. Lt. Col. Kanicki added that he believes the WTU concept is a good one for the Army and one that is here to stay, particularly here at Fort Stewart.

Leading a WTU presented him with some initial challenges, he said, but he likes challenges and likes leading Soldiers, especially Soldiers who've made the personal sacrifices WTU Soldiers have made.

Future GC and garrison CSMs visit Stewart-Hunter

Jennifer Small Hartwig
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield hosted future garrison commanders, deputies, and garrison sergeants major from the Army Management Staff College, May 1-2.

The 35 future garrison leaders, who are part of AMSC's Garrison Precommand Course and Garrison Command Sergeant Major Course, came to Stewart-Hunter to tour a power-projection platform installation.

According to Travis Mobley, Fort Stewart garrison executive officer, the intent of the visit was to show them deployment capabilities, along with quality of life facilities and services, and unique things to the installation.

"The ability to see and experi-

ence best practices gives us a tangible guide to installation infrastructure and business practices," said Col. Kevin Brown, Garrison PreCommand Course student and future garrison commander of Fort Riley, Kan.

The three-times yearly classes do a rotation of three power-projection installations: Stewart-Hunter, Fort Bragg, N.C., and Fort Dix, N.J.

Dave Austin, AMSC faculty member in the command programs directorate, accompanied the students on the visit.

"We really wanted them to get a sense of how an Army base is run," Austin said. "They got to see some of the nuances and hidden things that are not to the common eye. They got to see a lot of what goes on the behind the scenes that makes an installation run."

The students spent Friday at Fort Stewart, where they heard a command brief from Col. Todd Buchs, garrison commander, and were escorted through the installation by Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin, Fort Stewart garrison command sergeant major, and Will Ingram of Directorate of Public Works Master Planning. The future installation command staffers visited the central issuing facility, the rail marshalling area, the crisis management center, the Warriors Walk, had lunch at the community club and toured the Soldier and Family Assistance Center and Army Community Service facilities.

"It was a dynamite tour," Austin said. "It was extremely helpful for them to see and installation that has a power-projection platform and the base operations that support it."

On Saturday, the class traveled to Hunter, where Lt. Col. Daniel Whitney, Hunter garrison commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. David Sampleton, Hunter command sergeant major, showed them new construction on post, the flight line, and deployment and redeployment operations at the flight center.

"This visit was very valuable," said Col. Brown. "I doubt there is an individual in the entire group who did not take Col. Buchs' phone number to call him with questions after they take command."

Amongst the AMSC students on the installation tour was incoming Fort Stewart garrison commander, Col. Kevin Milton.

"He had an actual chance to see (Fort Stewart) now, from the other side," Austin said. "I think it will help him immensely enter-

ing as the commander; he won't be coming in cold, he'll have a good idea of how things are run."

It was the second time that AMSC has brought their pre-commanders and command sergeants major classes to Stewart-Hunter. Austin said he hopes to come back and isn't surprised that the installation was 2009 recipient of the Army Chief of Staff's Army Communities of Excellence Award.

"I think the main thing we picked up out of (the visit to Stewart-Hunter) was the cohesiveness and cooperation between the supporting elements as well as the surrounding community," Austin said. "You have everyone pushing in one direction, instead of pulling in all different ones, from the senior commander all the way down."

GENERAL

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Spc. Ben Hutto

Staff Lieutenant General Hussain Jasim Dohi, Iraqi Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Training is greeted by Col. Pete Jones, commander of the 3HBCT, 3rd Infantry Division at the Selby Hill Combined Arms Collective Training Center at Fort Benning, Ga., April 14.



"I think the visit went well," he said. "It is good to show the Iraqi people that we take our deployments to Iraq seriously. I'm glad that he got the chance to see our noncommissioned officers, Soldiers and officers and the facilities they use to train."

The general was able to view a simulated town engagement and an improvised explosive device lane during his visit.

Brigadier General Steven L. Salazar, the

commanding general of the Coalition Army Advisory Training Team, was Dohi's escort during the trip. Salazar, the commander of the 3rd HBCT during its second deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, was pleased to see his old unit again.

"I always love coming back to Fort Benning," he said. "I told Col. Jones he had the best job in the Army. I enjoyed my time here with the brigade."

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3/69 Soldiers destroy targets, build confidence



Pfc. Jared S. Eastman

Sergeant Robert Shelton, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3/69 Armor, throws a practice hand grenade at Small Arms Hotel Range, May 4. The training prepared the Soldiers for the live grenade range that followed.

Pfc. Jared S. Eastman
1st HBCT Public Affairs

“Frag out!” crackles across the radio at Small Arms Hotel range on a hot, muggy day on Fort Stewart. A Soldier counts to five quietly, then whispers “boom” as a shockwave shakes the ground 200 yards away from where a hand grenade went off. Soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment conducted hand grenade familiarization training, May 4 as part of 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team’s training shift from stateside operations to deployment operations.

“Today we are throwing live grenades at Small Arms Hotel,” said 1st Lt. Aaron Kinder, Company C, 3/69 Armor fire support officer. “Everything is going great. The preparation training before the live hand grenades were thrown went perfect. We had seven stages that our Soldiers went through, including a new station – (Station) 7. Station 7 is a situational awareness training exer-

cise where Soldiers identify different wall composites that may be seen in Iraq or Afghanistan and what possible grenades they can throw behind that wall or in that room.”

The Soldiers went in groups of four to throw grenades, making the firing orders short and quick, with an eerily quiet pause in between sets.

“The importance of training is to know how to properly use a grenade in a situation so that you don’t create fratricide on yourself, your peers or innocent civilians,” said Staff Sgt. Erick Bunch, A Co. 3/69 fire support noncommissioned officer. “The hand grenade is an offensive weapon. It’s just like ‘what’s so great about the claymore?’ it goes boom, and anything that goes boom is good.”

However, the training was more than just an excuse for an adrenaline rushe.

“We try to do this training every six months to familiarize Soldiers and build confidence with handling live hand grenades,” said 1st Lt. Kinder.

“Soldiers typically haven’t thrown a grenade since basic training, and when we are in theater, we have live grenades on us, and Soldiers need to trust their equipment and be confident.”

The preparation for the event took months to go from brainchild to explosion.

“I think today is going very smoothly, everyone seems to be on it,” said Staff Sgt. Bunch. “We have 50 personnel out here from 3/69 (Armor) and we had a lot of preparations to make to get out here. We had to schedule everything from picking up ammo to food supply and schedule months in advance to get the range.”

The training event was also a change in pace for the battalion.

“This is a common skills task for all Soldiers across the board so this training has to be done,” said Staff Sgt. Bunch, “And it’s something that I feel we have gotten away from and now we are getting back into it which is outstanding.”

Angels of Anzio visit return to 3rd ID, Fort Stewart

Spc. Dustin Gautney
2HBCT Public Affairs

For the Soldiers who continually fought off attacks from German soldiers at the Anzio Beachhead as the Allies fought the Axis powers near the Italian coast, there were many uncertainties. One constant presence that fueled the mens’ fighting spirit was the knowledge if they were wounded, an ‘Angel of Anzio’ would nurse them back to health.

The ‘Angels of Anzio’ were the women of the nurse corps who served during the battle of Anzio; Soldiers claimed, “If the nurses can take it, we can take it.”

On the modern battlefield, there have been many changes made to field hospitals and combat medical care due to the experiences and sacrifices of those who came before. One of those ‘Angels’ was surprised to see how much has changed in combat medicine during a tour of

Fort Stewart as part of the Anzio Beachhead Veterans reunion, April 28.

“What we have displayed for the veterans to see is a level II field medical hospital, which consists of a general medical field tent, a mobile dental unit and x-ray unit,” said Spc. Shawna De Jesus, a combat medic with 2/6 Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team.

“What makes our current field hospitals unique from what was used in World War II is our ability to treat specific injuries, whether they are in need of x-rays or even dental care; we can provide the necessary aid,” Spc. De Jesus said.

“I can not believe they have air conditioning inside the ambulances now,” joked Ramona McCormick, 94, a former nurse with the 94th Evacuation Hospital at Anzio.

“Back then we had to make do with what we had,” said the former ‘Angel of Anzio.’ “The hospitals were just basic tents with make-shift wooden tables to operate from.”

“We did have fantastic surgeons, though, that would

have to use, at the time, experimental surgeries to help save Soldiers lives,” said McCormick.

McCormick recalled a surgery in which the veins from a patient’s healthy leg were removed to save the Soldier’s wounded appendage. The surgery today is quite common; however, in a World War II field hospital, the operation was the cutting edge of combat medical treatment.

“Some of those operations would go long into the night even if we lost power,” McCormick said. “We would have to use a backup generator and finish the surgery no matter how long it took.”

After seeing the current technology available for combat medicine McCormick was surprised at how much has changed from her days on Anzio Beachhead.

“Even though there is no comparison from the equipment we used back then to the equipment and technology the military has today, it is the spirit of the medics and all of those in the combat medical field that lives on.”

260th QM trained on new security vehicles by 542nd MP Co

Spc. Gaelen Lowers
3rd Sustainment Bde. Public Affairs

The 260th Quartermaster Battalion will be heading overseas with a different look when they deploy.

In addition to HMMWVs, the unit will also deploy with the M1117 Guardian Armored Security Vehicle, an armored wheeled vehicle equipped with a turret and armament system designed to meet the security mission requirements of the Military Police Corps.

Seven Soldiers from 260th QM received a 40-hour block of training on familiarization of the ASV, April 20-24. The training was conducted by the 542nd Military Police Company, 385th Military Police Battalion, and included preventative maintenance checks and service, knowing the vehicle’s shortcomings, and how to adapt to situations down range.

“The training is going to help Soldiers immensely due to the fact that this is one of the primary vehicles and secure vehicles used downrange,” said Staff Sgt. Marion Strickland, 542nd MP Co.

The trainers were certified first in Afghanistan, then again when a sister unit of the 542nd MP Co. was set to deploy, so their knowledge of the vehicle is extensive, said Sgt. 1st Class Martha Butler, 542nd MP Co.

“When you have a new piece of equipment, it is much better to be able to get hands-on training with it in a controlled environment,” said Sgt. 1st Class Butler.

Not knowing a vehicle’s capabilities can prove troublesome to Soldiers downrange, said Spc. Roy Eick, 542nd MP Co. and driving trainer for the ASV.

“If you get trained beforehand, then you will know what it can do and can’t do,” he explained. “It lessens

the chances of you damaging that piece of equipment and it going down on you.”

Keeping the equipment safe is only half of worry; Soldiers also need to keep themselves out of harm’s way, said Spc. Zachery Yeager, 542nd MP Co. and weapons trainer for the ASV.

“There is a lot of responsibility on the gunner,” he said. “The gunner is the eyes of the vehicle. They need to be able to execute a right decision at a moment’s notice. The gunner holds the entire truck’s life in his hands.”

The ASV is a step up in protection, said Sgt. Bernard Villa, 260th QM Bn, and keeping himself and his Soldiers safe is his top priority.

“You want to keep [Soldiers] as protected as possible, with all the threats that they will be facing downrange,” said Sgt. Villa. “Our lives depend on it.”

May honors Asian/Pacific Americans

Pfc. Crystal M. Bradley
2nd HBCT Public Affairs

America, widely known as the world's melting pot, is home to millions of people from various corners of the planet. The country, built on freedom and liberty, reserves time throughout the year to show its appreciation to these different groups of people. The entire month of May marks America's celebration and tribute to a group originating from 28 Asian and 19 Pacific island subgroups, known as the Asian/Pacific Americans. On May 7, 1990, former president George H. W. Bush proclaimed May as Asian/Pacific Heritage Month, expressing America's gratitude to these citizens. "In times of war and in times of peace, (Asian/Pacific people) have faithfully, defended the principles of freedom and representative government," Bush said

during his proclamation speech for Asian/Pacific Heritage Month. As noted by the former president, Asian/Pacific citizens showed their dedication and support to America throughout history, many fighting for the United States Army in wars as far back as the Civil War. On March 18, 1942, after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, many Japanese-Americans, found themselves being relocated to internment camps throughout the United States because former president Franklin D. Roosevelt and the government viewed them as a threat to national security due to their ethnic ancestry. However, Japanese-Americans and other Asian/Pacific people continued to volunteer their service in the U.S. Army, serving with great honor in the European, North African and Italian campaigns. Asian/Pacific Soldiers gained even greater acceptance into American soci-

ety for their outstanding contributions during the Korean and Vietnamese Wars. These Soldiers continue to support their nation today as they serve in the current era of persistent conflict abroad and in garrison. One Asian/Pacific Soldier at Fort Stewart, who is not only proud of his heritage but also proud to serve the Marne Division, is Sgt. 1st Class Michael Calvo, Headquarters and Headquarters Command, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team. Sergeant 1st Class Calvo was born in Guam but came to live in the United States when he was 7 years old. "Here at (3rd Infantry Division), there aren't many other Soldiers from Guam, but there are quite a few retired Guamanian-American Soldiers who have served here before me," he said. "That little piece of history, along with all the other tradition and history here,

makes me extremely proud to serve here." He said that being from Guam has never kept him from relating to his comrades or from being able to lead his Soldiers in the right direction. "Throughout my career, I have always fit in, no matter where I was stationed," Sgt. 1st Class Calvo said. "I feel like my cultural background helps me to be a better senior noncommissioned officer; I understand that it is important to know where each Soldier is from and how he was raised." Sergeant 1st Class Calvo said that knowing such details helps to build relationships with his Soldiers. "I take the uniqueness of my ethnicity, embrace it, and use it to be a better Soldier and leader," he said. "I teach them to be proud of where they are from and to also always remember that once we put on our uniforms, the only color we need to see is green."

LAW from Page 1A

Major General Tony Cucolo, commanding general of the 3rd ID, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews, 3rd ID command sergeant major, recognized the SJA for receiving the Army Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Legal Assistance for fiscal year 2007 and the Judge Advocate General's Award for Excellence in Claims for fiscal year 2008. "We should take pride in our legal experts; we're lucky we have them," said Maj. Gen. Cucolo. "I want to thank you for being the statutory conscience for over 100,000 Soldiers, Army Family Members, Civilians and retirees." "It's a tremendous honor the commanding general took time out of his busy schedule to recognize what we do," said Capt. Madeline Yanford,

chief of legal assistance for the 3rd ID. The next day, members of the SJA went to Joseph Martin Elementary School to demonstrate to students how the American legal system works by staging a mock court trial of Goldielocks versus the Three Bears, with SJA Soldiers playing the title characters. Students from the school acted as jurors to decide who was at fault, the three bears or Goldielocks. The jury found in favor of the three bears, and Goldielocks was sentenced to apologize. "I liked it, because I liked that book when I was younger and it was fun to do," said Anazha Kincaid, 8, a juror. "It taught me about the judges and lawyers." To conclude the week-long celebration, the SJA

hosted the 2009 Staff Judge Advocate's Golf Tournament with teams from all over post competing. The competitors enjoyed spending the day on the links. "I'm having a great day," said Chief Warrant Officer Eddie Hernandez, 3rd ID legal administrator. "This gives people an opportunity to participate in team sports (and) build important relationships." Nef felt the week of festivities was a success. "I think it was excellent," he said. "We got out to the community. We learned a lot. We challenged ourselves physically and had some excellent attorneys get recognized by the commanding general. I think on all levels, personally and professionally, this year's Law Day was excellent."

1/10 Avn hit halfway point

1st Lt. Patrick O'Donnell
1/10 Avn.

COB Speicher, Tikrit, Iraq – The 1st Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment reached the half-way point of their deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The regiment deployed to Multi-National Division-North and has aided in stabilizing the area north of Baghdad. To date, 1/10 Avn. has flown more than 10,000 hours in a six-month period, providing aerial security and reconnaissance capabilities across a battle space larger than the state of Georgia. The Tigershark aviators played a vital role in the days leading up to January's Iraqi election, providing aerial coverage of polling sites and security in urban areas.



Terry Moore

The 1/10 Avn. "Tigersharks" return from a combat patrol in Northern Iraq. The Tigersharks just reached the halfway point of their deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Apaches from 1/10 Avn. continue to capture weapons caches, dissolve safe-houses, and disrupt insurgent groups determined to destabilize the country and subvert security improvements. Throughout a broad spectrum of missions, 1/10 Avn. has been at the forefront of operations, proving their worth and earning the respect of the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade. Despite the extremely hot summer approaching, Tigershark Soldiers will continue to bring the fight to the enemies of Iraq and provide the security and stability necessary for the fledgling democracy to continue to flourish.

Local leaders learn about Soldiers' lives

Pat Young
Public Affairs Specialist

Learning staff organization and best business practices took an interesting turn for nearly 26 attendees of the 23rd Annual Leadership Glynn program when the class of business leaders visited Fort Stewart and were familiarized with the life of a Dog Face Soldier of the 3rd Infantry Division, April 30.

Soon after their arrival, the visitors were met by 3rd ID Commander Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, Division Command Sergeant Major Jesse Andrews, and Brig. Gen. Patrick Donahue, Deputy Commanding General for Maneuvers.

Major General Cucolo said visits from our neighbors were important because it allowed the division to thank communities for the service and support they provide to Soldiers and Families.

Following a briefing regarding the mission and organization of the Marne Division by Brig. Gen. Donahue, the visitors took a tour of the installation with stops at various locations, including Warriors

Walk and the Fort Stewart Museum, a visit to the 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment's motor pool and lunch with 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery Soldiers.

The Soldiers of 3/69 Armor, led by Staff Sgt. Michael Anderson, gave the visitors an interactive briefing complete with an M1 Abrams, an M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle, and a fire team in full battle rattle.

The Directorate of Public Works' William Ingram helped the business leaders learn more about life on Fort Stewart with a driving tour of the installation with stops at new barracks and Marne Point at the 3/69 Armor motor pool.

Ingram pointed out efforts to improve the quality of life at Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield noting ongoing improvements to motorpools, housing, Family facilities like the new teen center; and medical care at Winn Army Community Hospital such as the post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury center.

The final stop of the tour was at the Fort Stewart Museum, where guests were shown how Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division have played a major role in



Pat Young

Sgt. Michael Widelko, 3/69 Armor, shows an M2 Bradley to business leaders from Glynn County during their tour of Fort Stewart, April 30.

securing the liberties of all Americans since 1917, through World War II to the recent overseas contingency operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

CAB Soldier receives Order of St Michael

Spc. Monica K. Smith
CAB Public Affairs

It's a memorable day in the life of a Soldier when they receive an award, but for 1st Sgt. John Van Vactor, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, April 17 was especially memorable, because hereceived not only the Meritorious Service Medal but also the Order of Saint Michael Bronze Medal.

"I think the Order of Saint Michael (medal) for any aviator is a substantial validation of our contributions to the unit and Army aviation as a whole," said 1st Sgt. Van Vactor. "I don't believe that just because you serve 20 or more years, you get something. I've been lucky; I've been a crew chief, flying 18 and a half of my 20 years. This validates all my work."

Command Sergeant Major Rick Stidley, CAB command sergeant major, said Van Vactor's dedication to service is what made him a worthy recipient of the highly sought after OSM medal.

"He is what the Army looks for in leaders," said Command Sgt. Maj. Stidley. "He takes care of the Soldiers, trains them, encourages them to perform better and also instills pride in what they do. He does all this while also maintaining himself, pushing himself to higher standards, and by doing so, challenges his peers to evaluate their own work ethic and dedication to Soldiers."

The Order of Saint Michael rec-

ognizes individuals who have contributed significantly to Army Aviation by demonstrating the highest standards of integrity and moral character, displaying an out-



Spc. Monica K. Smith

Colonel Don Galli, commander of the 3rd CAB awards 1st Sgt. John Van Vactor, HHC, 3rd CAB, the Order of Saint Michael Bronze Medal at Hunter Army Airfield, April 17.

standing degree of professional competence, and serving the United States Army Aviation or civilian aviation community with distinction.

"It's very self satisfying," said 1st Sgt. Van Vactor, who will have served 21 years in the Army, Sept. 1. "It shows that being consistent and doing the right thing on a daily basis does get recognized."

MP working dog shows off



Steve Hart

Specialist Christopher Bozovich, a K-9 handler with the 385th Military Police Battalion, plays the role of the villain trying to escape the grasp of Rex, a military working dog, after his handler released him to apprehend Bozovich during a Military Police Working Dog Demonstration that was part of the first annual Petapaluzza by 98.7, "The River," at the Savannah Mall Saturday.

The event was conducted to draw awareness to the proper care of pets, to help find homes for pets in the pet rescue and Humane Society programs and to showcase highly trained animals.

Other elements of the show included performances of the International K-9 Stars and the search for the cutest pet.

Local TV outlets observe 1/10 FA training

Spc. Ben Hutto
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORT BENNING, Ga. – Every television station that covers Fort Benning and the greater Columbus area was in attendance for the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd ID's Media Day at Fort Benning, April 28.

Reporters from WRBL Channel 3, WTVM Channel 9, WLTZ Channel 38 and Benning TV filmed as Battery A, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, fired their M109 A6 Paladin Howitzers in support of Hammer Focus, the 3rd HBCT's largest field exercise at Fort Benning.

"We are happy to have you guys out here," Capt. Chaz Cannon, the commander of Battery A, said to the reporters. "We really appreciate you coming out and showing our guys in action."

The reporters spent the early morning talking with Soldiers about their equip-

ment, training and Hammer Focus.

"It was really nice to get up close and personal with the Soldiers," said Ashley Ball, a reporter with WRBL. "Columbus is such a military town. Everyone who lives here knows someone that either serves at Fort Benning or works here. Any story we can get out here plays well to our audience."

The 3rd HBCT has ramped up its efforts to have more outside media coverage of its Soldiers. It has recently increased the exposure of the unit by starting a Facebook page and a Twitter account.

The brigade is hoping these new measures will increase the visibility of the unit and keep Families more informed about training and its upcoming deployment.



Photos by Spc. Ben Hutto

Reporters Stefaine Tiso (left) and Ashley Ball (right) interview Spc. Andrew Gould, an artilleryman assigned to Battery A, 1/10 FA, 3rd HBCT, during a break in training at a range on Fort Benning, April 28.

BACKGROUND: The artillerymen of Battery A, 1/10 FA, 3HBCT, send a round down range during a field training event at a range on Fort Benning, April 28. Reporters from every local television network were on hand to talk with Soldiers and ask them about Hammer Focus, the 3rd HBCT's largest field exercise at Fort Benning.

Keeping kids safe



Capt. Charles Patterson

Corporal Susan Willis of the Richmond Hill Police Dept. helps Soldiers' Families in the "Identi-child" campaign get fingerprinted at the 188th Inf. Brigade Safety Day, April 25. The program gives parents their children's fingerprints and a DNA swab for their own records in case of an emergency.

TOWN HALL

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Q: Why is it long distance to call Fort Stewart from Hunter?

A: DOIM Update: Georgia Public Service Commission sets the guidelines for toll calling. The Savannah Metropolitan Area has been designated as an area that will not incur toll charges when calls are placed within the general area. The Fort Stewart and Hinesville areas do not fall into this category.

Q: If we received a stimulus package last year, how will that affect our taxes this year?

A: Lieutenant Colonel Stacy Flippin, Fort Stewart Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, replied that she could not be sure exactly how it will affect individual taxpayers, but you need to have the amount of your stimulus package with you when you have your taxes done.

Q: A Hunter resident asked about parking on the streets in housing. Have signs been put up and are violators being ticketed?

A: Kewyn Williams, deputy garrison commander at Hunter, replied

that "no parking" signs have been installed and DES is ticketing violators. BBC added that violators are being notified by them to remove their vehicles before being ticketed.

Q: Where do you park when all the spots are taken in your neighborhood?

A: Colonel Todd Buchs, Fort Stewart garrison commander, replied: 1.) park in your garage/driveway, 2.) open parking in the neighborhood, or 3.) in front of your home on the street.

Q: A caller said that noncommissioned officers are telling Soldiers not to go to clubs at Fort Stewart, thus contributing to the problem with drunk driving fatalities. What can be done?

A: Colonel Buchs said this has been discussed before, but they will put the word out to units to encourage Soldiers to go to our clubs which are safer and fun. Rocky's has 400-500 people on a Saturday night. There is enforcement for safety, but it does not take away from the fun atmosphere. Additionally, Club Stewart has "Marne

Night" on Fridays.

Q: What can be done about the traffic light at Gulick and 6th Street? Sometimes drivers must wait four to five cycles to get through.

A: DES Update: The DES conducted a review of this traffic light and those at all other major Fort Stewart intersections on Feb. 24 with no identified discrepancies. Motorists noticing a malfunctioning installation traffic light should contact the DPW by calling 767-2883 at Stewart, or 315-4003 at Hunter.

Q: Harmon Ave., going from the hospital to Southern Oaks, needs a sidewalk. Pedestrians and bike riders have to walk/ride bike in the street.

A: DPW Update: The DPW estimate of this project will exceed \$300,000. This project must compete for funding with other projects in the Installation Planning Board process. Additionally, beginning in November, the Fort Stewart community has access to a mass transit system, which allow Soldiers and their Families to travel from Southern Oaks to the hospital.

For more information, visit the Frontline online at stewart.army.mil or pick up the latest copy of the Quality Time magazine

Accelerate your career and your life: Special Forces looking for motivated Soldiers

Courtney Richmond
Frontline Contributor

It is one of the toughest journeys a Soldier in the U.S. Army can take, but listening to 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers who have been through the selection process of the Special Forces, it proves to be both a challenging and rewarding experience. From mechanics to cavalry scouts these special brand of warriors have one thing in common: the elite training that

gives them the privilege to wear the Green Beret.

Many see these "quiet professionals" as they are often called, as a different breed of Soldier. Although they are still members of the U.S. Army, they have been selected to become experts in unconventional warfare, cross-cultural communications, and training, organizing and leading foreign fighters.

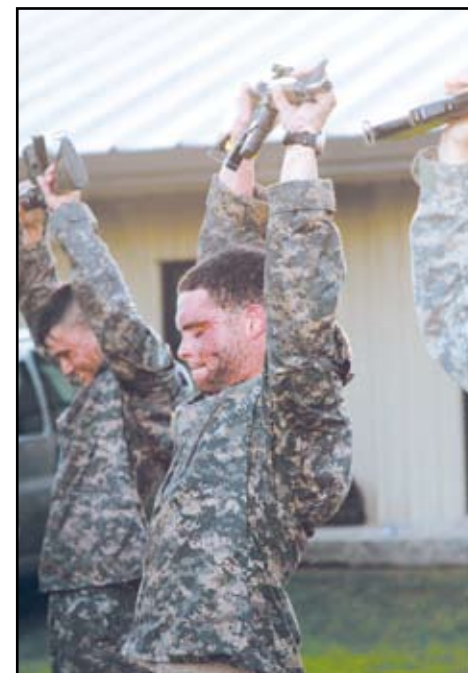
Once approved through SF recruiting, Soldiers will report to Fort Bragg on temporary duty status for the Special Forces Assessment and Selection course. This 19-day course tests physical ability and, most importantly, the mental capabilities to ensure that these individuals have what it takes to become a SF

Soldier. The SF recruiting office at Fort Stewart prepares Soldiers for the physical challenges they will face once arriving at the Special Forces Assessment and Selection course; however, tactics used to mentally test Soldiers are unlike anything they have faced before.

Sergeant Justin Rich, who completed phase one in the SFAS, took time to explain his reason for joining the Army's most esteemed team. Sergeant Rich was enticed by SF recruitment materials placed in the Post Exchange. After reviewing the information provided, Sgt. Rich decided SF was not only the opportunity to further his career in the Army, but also to open the door for future possibilities. He assures others that SFAS is not a place for Soldiers to prove how tough they are, but an opportunity to become a better Soldier and to accelerate your life.

Sergeant Robert "Man Bear" Matlock, who agreed with Sgt. Rich's comments, adds, "If it's your dream then go for it." Sgt. Rich and Sgt. Matlock are both at Fort Stewart waiting to begin phase two of SFAS. At the completion of the course, they will be Special Forces engineers.

Specialist Christopher Barna advised Soldiers considering SF to talk with other Soldiers who have begun SFAS, and learn from them what they need to do in order to best prepare themselves. Specialist Barna joined SF to



photos by Courtney Richmond

Specialist Bryan Milberg participates in rifle PT in preparation for the next phase of the Special Forces Assessment and Selection course, April 28.

fulfill his career dream to complete airborne training. He has left Fort Stewart to begin phase two of SFAS, where Soldiers are trained in a language of the specific region they are assigned. Specialist Barna's region assigned is the Pacific Rim and he has chosen to learn Indonesian. Each SF Soldier is required to learn a second language, and also study cultural traditions and customs that will help them be effective in foreign missions.

"Know your motive" says Staff Sgt. Jens Rippey, who also completed phase one of SFAS. Staff sergeants Rippey said morning physical training conducted by the recruiters during the week here at Fort Stewart prepared him for the physical challenges he faced during the 19-day course.

The SF Soldiers all agreed that Soldiers considering SF should attend a briefing that the SF recruiters conduct every Wednesday at the SF Recruiting Office, building 160, on Fort Stewart. For more information, contact Special Forces Recruitment at 767-1400.



(Left to Right) First Lieutenant Joe DeChanny, Spc. Bryan Milberg and Sgt. John Lasseigne prepare for selection in Special Forces Assessment and Selection course, at Fort Stewart, April 28. The candidates conduct rigorous physical training in preparation for the next phase of SFAS.

Ten Stewart-Hunter Soldiers retire

Randy Murray

Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Ten Soldiers assigned to Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield retired from the Army following a formal ceremony held at Club Stewart, April 30. Colonel Roger Cloutier, commander of the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team offered a few comments about these Soldiers' military service. Collectively, these ten Soldiers represented over 196 years military service, 25 years of which was combat service, and together, these Soldiers represented over 90 years of marriage, he said.

He told the wives, Family Members and friends attending the ceremony these 10 Soldiers' careers began during the Cold War. They then served as peacekeepers in places like Somalia, Croatia and Haiti, and for the last eight years, they served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Following his remarks, Col. Cloutier and Command Sgt. Maj. Edd Watson, 1BCT command sergeant major, congratulated each retiring Soldier. The following Soldiers retired during the April retirement ceremony:

- 1st Sgt. Amy L. Hendricks, 1HBCT
- Master Sgt. Michael Frazier, 385th MP
- Master Sgt. Marical Liles, CAB
- Sgt. 1st Class Crystal Gasper, DENTAC
- Sgt. 1st Class James A. Fields, CAB
- Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Longenberger, CAB
- Sgt. 1st Class Ouida Fields, 2HBCT
- Staff Sgt. Kevin Rouse, 1HBCT
- Staff Sgt. William L. Council, Jr., 2HBCT
- Staff Sgt. Tyrone McAllister, 4IBCT

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Col. Cloutier reminded everyone the service represented by these 10 Soldiers is easy for some to take for granted, but he noted that they had spent the majority of their adult lives serving this country. He then reminded the retiring Soldiers that as they joined the ranks of other retired Soldiers, they were joining a special brotherhood.

"We'll never forget you or your service," Col. Cloutier said. "Thank you."



Randy Murray

Ten Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Soldiers retired following a formal ceremony held at Club Stewart, April 30. Their military careers collectively represented nearly 200 years service to the United States.

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